By the Queenes Commandement.

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FOrasmuch, as it is found by good proofe, that many persons which haue serued of late on the Seas, in the iourney towards Spaine and Portingale in comming from Plimmouth, and other Ports of the Realme, haue fallen sicke by the way, and diuers dyed as infected with the Plague. And that it is likly that many wil haue of purpose to come from the said Nauie to the Citie of London, and so consequently to the Court, whereby danger of infection may come to her Maiesties houshold, and so approach to her Sacred person. Therefore it is commanded by publication hereof both at the Court gate, & in all the Townes within the Verge, that no person that hath serued within the said Fleet, shall come to the Court nor within the Verge, except such as shall be specially sent from those which were the Generals of the Nauie, with letters to the Court: which persons shall not enter within the Court gates, vntill the cause of their comming from the Generals, with Letters of importance be notified to some of her Maiesties priuie Counsell, and therevpon the Queenes Porters warned to suffer them to enter into the Court.

And if any such person shall contrary to this commandement from this day, being the xxii. of this Moneth of July, attempt to come either to the Court or within the Verge, and shall not immediatly vpon knowledge hereof depart with conuenient speed, the same shall bee apprehended by the Knight Marshall and his Deputies, or by any Justice or Constable dwelling within the Verge, and shall bee committed to the Marshalseas without any baile vntill hee shall be dismissed by some two of the priuie Counsell attending on her Maiesties person.

And yet it is not meant, but if any shall haue necessary cause to come to the Court, to exhibite any suite or information concerning his seruice in the said Nauie, the same person shall cause the same his suite or information to be sent to the Court in writing, or by message to be brought by a person that hath not beene in the said Nauie and not knowne to be infected, to be deliuered either to one of her Maiesties ordinary Maiesters of Requests, or to the Knight Marshall or to some one of the priuie Counsell, by which meanes the suite may be duely vnderstood, and so a reasonable answere to be made thereto.

At Nonsuch 22. Iuly Anno 31. Reginæ Elizabethæ. 1589.

God saue the Queene.

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